CWE, CAPEC Integration in Risk Based Threat Modeling

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Introduction

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  - Author, "Risk Centric Threat Modeling – Process for Attack Simulation & Threat Analysis", Wiley June 2015

What Threat Are You Protecting Against?

- Do you know who may attack you?

- Do you know why they may attack you?

- Do you know what evidence support your threat claims?

- Use MITRE's CAPEC & CWE to organize your attack and weakness libraries

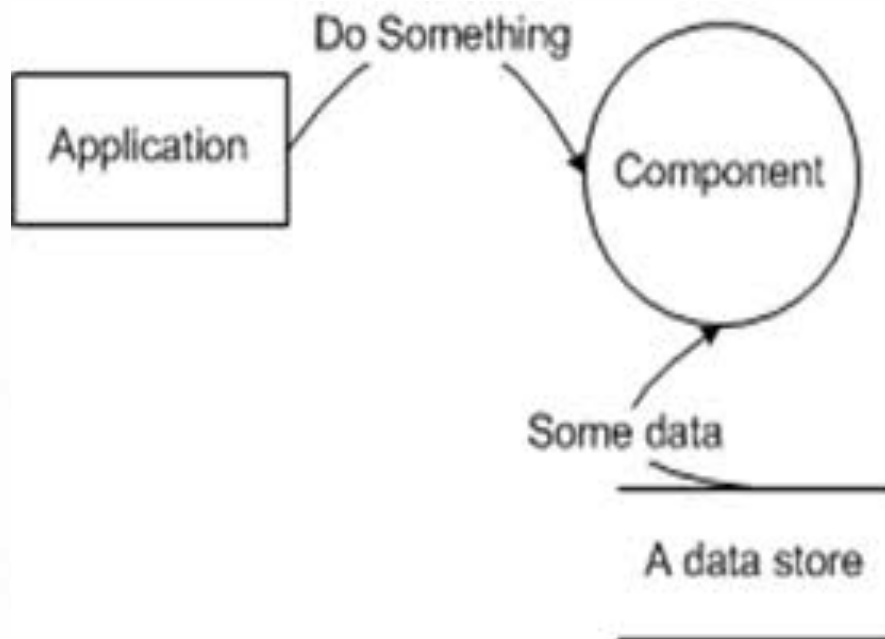# PASTA – Risk Centric Threat Modeling

What is PASTA?

- **P**rocess for **A**ttack **S**imulation & **T**hreat **A**nalysis
  - Risk centric threat modeling methodology
  - Collaborative; great for business integration
  - 7 stages building up to impact of threat to application & business.
- Aimed at addressing most viable threats & building security in

A True Methodology (7 Stages)

- Define Biz Objectives
- Define Tech Scope
- App Decomposition
- Threat Analysis
- Vuln Detection
- Attack Enumeration
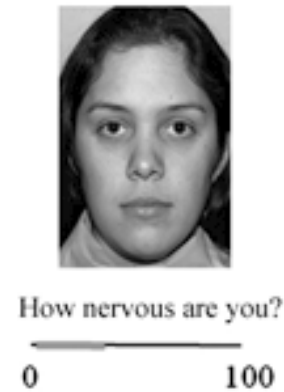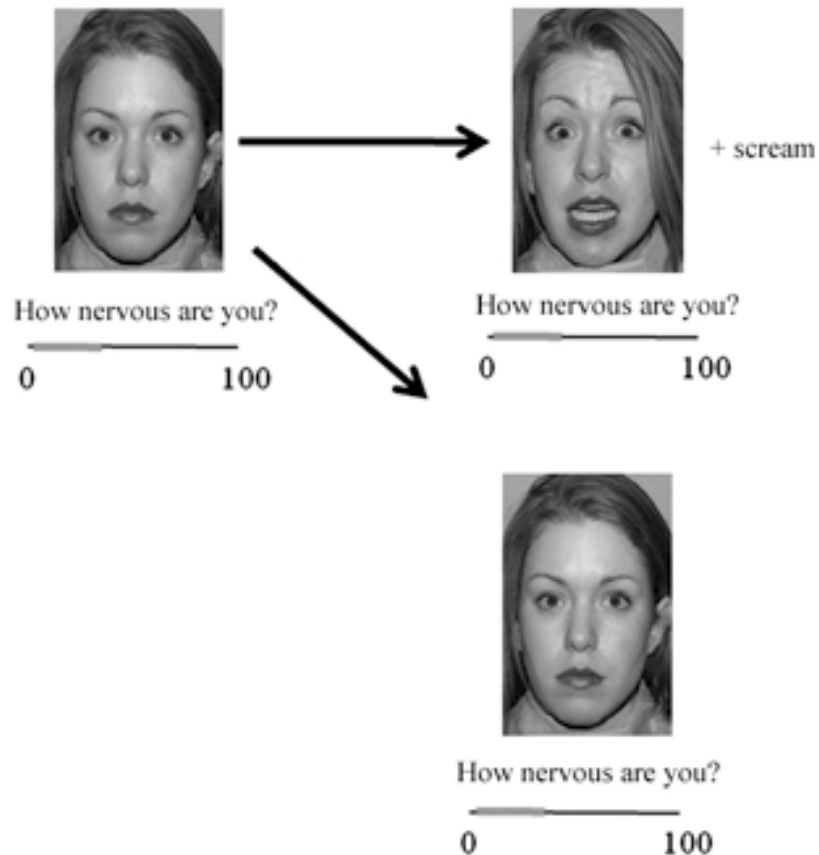- Risk/ Impact Analysis

Threat Modeling

Threat Dissection

Targeted Analysis

- Focused on understanding targeted threats
- Focus on attacks that are supported via viable threat patterns (considering multiple vectors)
- Threat motives may be data (e.g. - PII, IP) focused, disruption based (hacktivism), IP
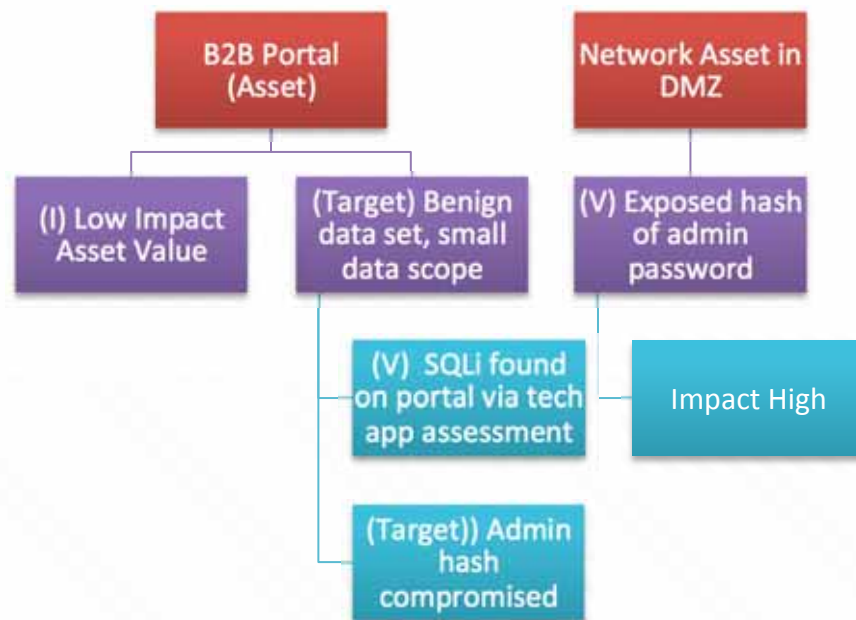
Threat

How nervous are you?

0   100

+ scream

How nervous are you?

0   100

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0   100

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0   100

Threat. A threat is an undesired event. A potential occurrence, often best described as causal factors that may manifest into attacks that compromise an asset or objective. Relative to each site, industry, company; more difficult to uniformly define.

Risk Centric Threat Modeling

Risk Management

- Needs to substantiate risks
  - No one believes your risk scores
- Substantiate vulnerable findings w/ threat modeling stages
  - 3 (app decomposition)
  - 4 (threat analysis)
  - 5 (vuln detection) 6 (exploitation)
- Vulnerabilities begin to 'mean' something to those who have to remediate them

Attack Tree

LEVERAGING CAPEC & CWE

What is CWE?

What Is CWE?

Targeted to developers and security practitioners, the Common Weakness Enumeration (CWE) is a formal list of software weakness types created to:

- Serve as a common language for describing software security weaknesses in architecture, design, or code.
- Serve as a standard measuring stick for software security tools targeting these weaknesses.
- Provide a common baseline standard for weakness identification, mitigation, and prevention efforts.

What is CAPEC?

Objective

The objective of the Common Attack Pattern Enumeration and Classification (CAPEC™) effort is to provide a publicly available catalog of common attack patterns classified in an intuitive manner, along with a comprehensive schema for describing related attacks and sharing information about them.

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Primary Schema Elements

Identifying Information
- Attack Pattern ID
- Attack Pattern Name

Describing Information
- Description
- Related Weaknesses
- Related Vulnerabilities
- Method of Attack
- Examples-Instances
- References

Prescribing Information
- Solutions and Mitigations

Scoping and Delimiting Information
- Typical Severity
- Typical Likelihood of Exploit
- Attack Prerequisites
- Attacker Skill or Knowledge Required
- Resources Required
- Attack Motivation-Consequences
- Context Description

Supporting Schema Elements
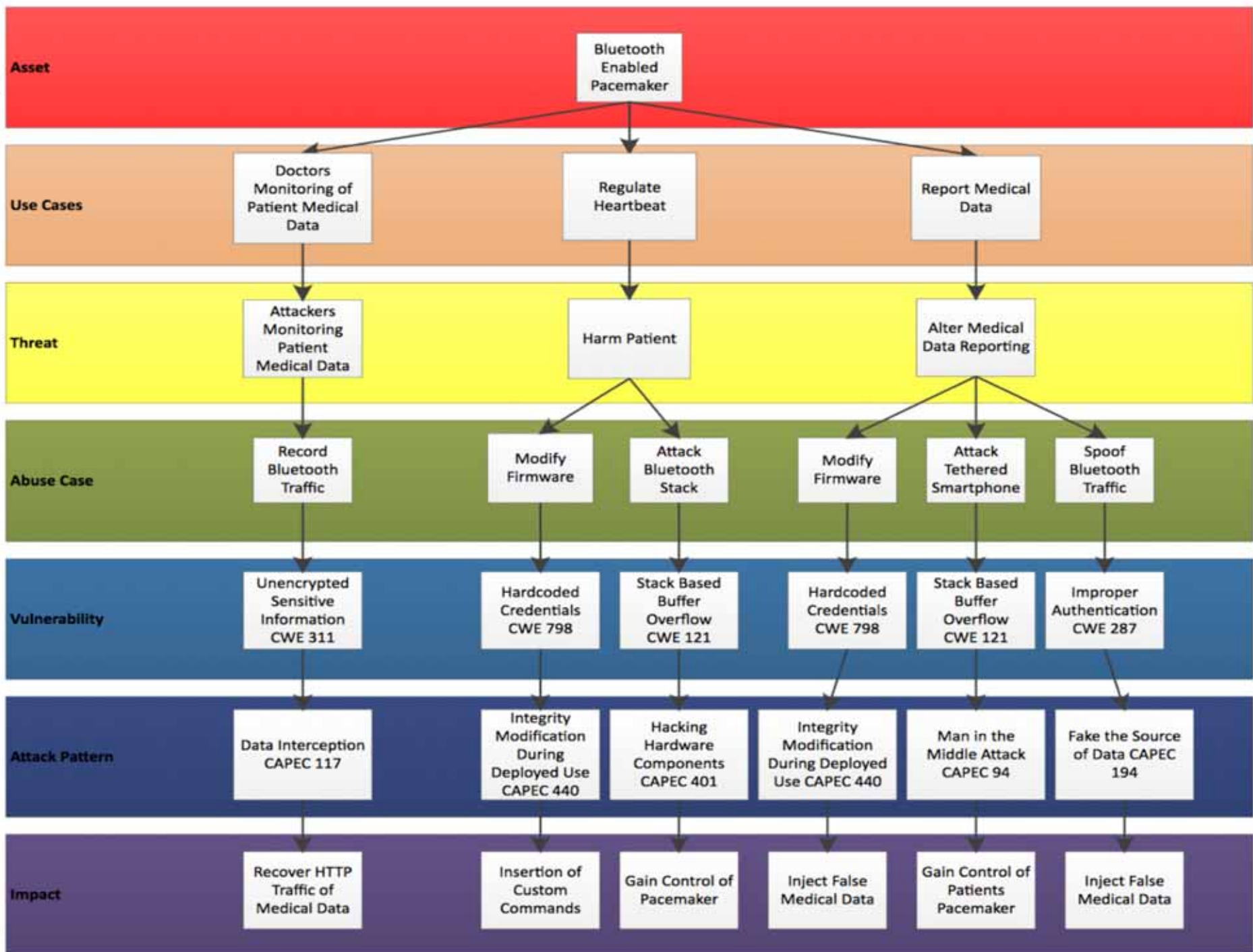
Describing Information
- Injection Vector
- Payload
- Activation Zone
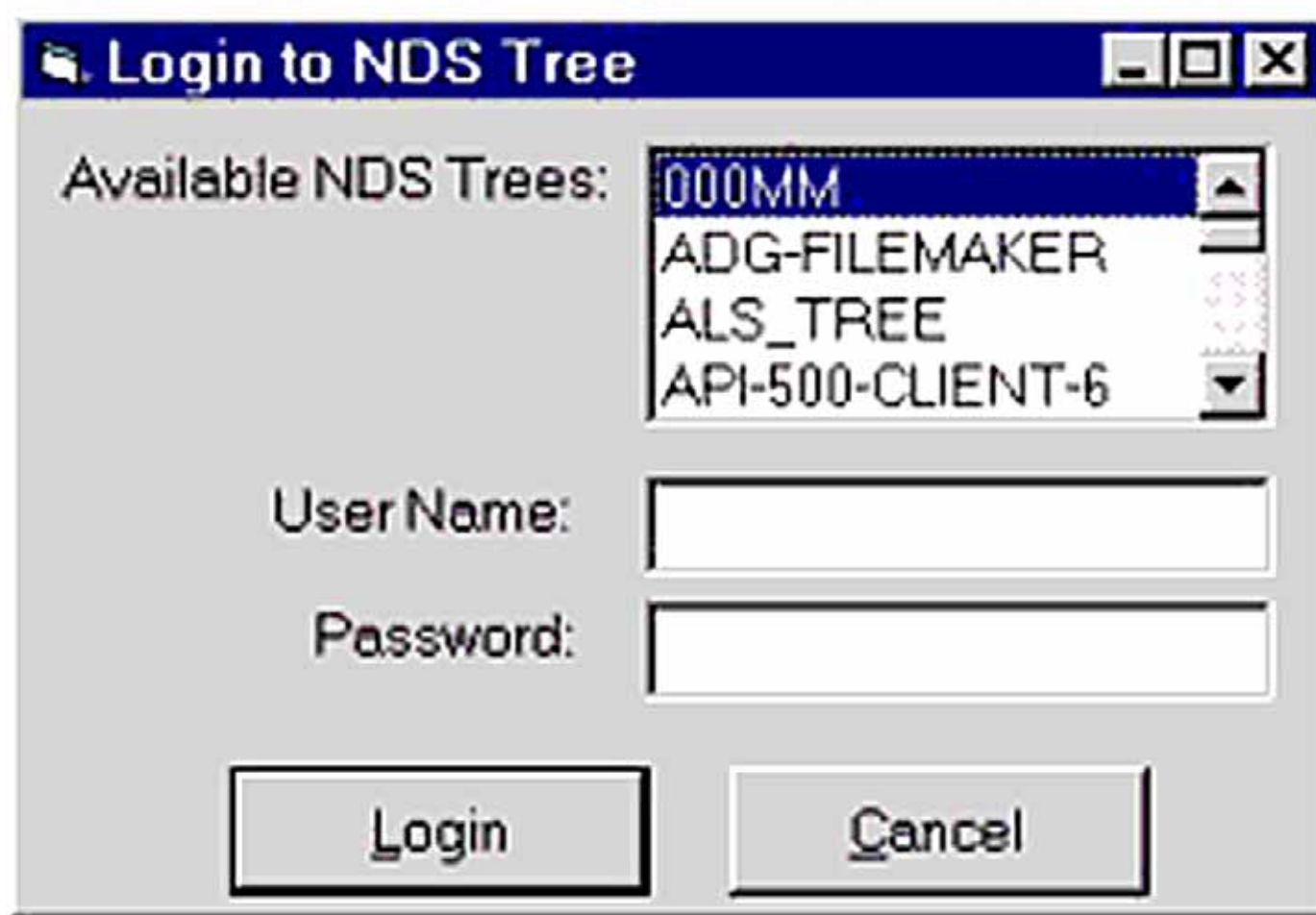- Payload Activation Impact

Diagnosing Information
- Probing Techniques
- Indicators-Warnings of Attack
- Obfuscation Techniques

Enhancing Information
- Related Attack Patterns
- Relevant Security Requirements
- Relevant Design Patterns
- Relevant Security Patterns

Use Case

Use Case.
Functional, as designed function of an application.

Abuse Case

Abuse Case. Deliberate abuse of functional use cases in order to yield unintended results

Attack Surface

Danny McPherson - Arbor Networks, Inc.

Attack Surface.
Logical area (browser stack, infrastructure components, etc) or physical area (hotel kiosk).

Where do you define this in risk assessments or compliance audits?

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Attack Vector

Attack Vector. Point & channel for which attacks travel over (card reader, form fields, network proxy, client browser, etc)

Attack Trees

Attack Tree.
Helpful diagram of relationship amongst asset-actor-use case-abuse case-vuln-exploit-countermeasure

CAPEC + CWE Use in Attack Trees

Analysis Of Attacks Using Attack Trees

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User

Login With UserID password over SSL

Threatens

Key logger/From grabber captures keystrokes incl. credentials

Includes

Drops Banking Malware on victims/PC

Includes

Fraudster

Includes

Trust connection by IP and machine tagging/browser attributes

Threatens

Set IP with Proxy/MiTM to same IP gelocation of the victim

Includes

Includes

Includes

Communicate with fraudster C&C

Includes

Hijacks SessionIDs, Cookies, Machine Tagging

Threatens

Enter One Time Password (OTP) to authenticate transaction

Threatens

Capture OTP on web channel and authenticate on behalf of the user

Includes

Includes

Includes

Capture C/Qs in transit and authenticate on behalf of user

Threatens

Enter Challenge Question (C/Q) to authenticate transaction

Threatens

Man In The Browser Injected HTML to capture C/Q

OWASP Tie-In

- **OWASP WASC Web Hacking Incidents Database Project**
  - project dedicated to maintaining a list of web applications related security incidents.
  - https://www.owasp.org/index.php/ OWASP_WASC_Web_Hacking_Incidents_Database_Project
- **OWASP Security Knowledge Framework**
  - a tool that is used as a guide for building and verifying secure software. It can also be used to train developers about application security.
  - https://www.owasp.org/index.php/ OWASP_Security_Knowledge_Framework#tab=Main
  - Incorporates Applications Security Verification Standard
    - https://www.owasp.org/index.php/ Category:OWASP_Application_Security_Verification_Standard_Project

Impact Landscape
Data Losses
Online Fraud
Card Fraud
Denial of Service
Defacing
Reputation Loss
Client Lawsuits
Unlawful Non Compliance

Controls Landscape
Anti-malware
Anti-automation
Virtual Browsing
Strong Authentication
Transaction Verification
Maker/Checker Process
Anomaly Detection

Asset Landscape
Customer Data:
Credit/debit card Data,
Bank Account Data
Confidential-PII Data

Application Data:
Logging Credentials
Challenge/Questions
Passwords
Transaction Data
Session Tokens

RISK

Threat Landscape
Attack Customers:
Phishing Emails
Malicious URLs
Virus Infected Documents
Social Engineering

Attack the Browser:
Drive by Download
Click Jacking
HTML Injection
Man in the Browser

Attack the Web Application:
Vulnerability Exploits
Business Logic/Flaws Attacks
Session Hijacking
Man in The Middle

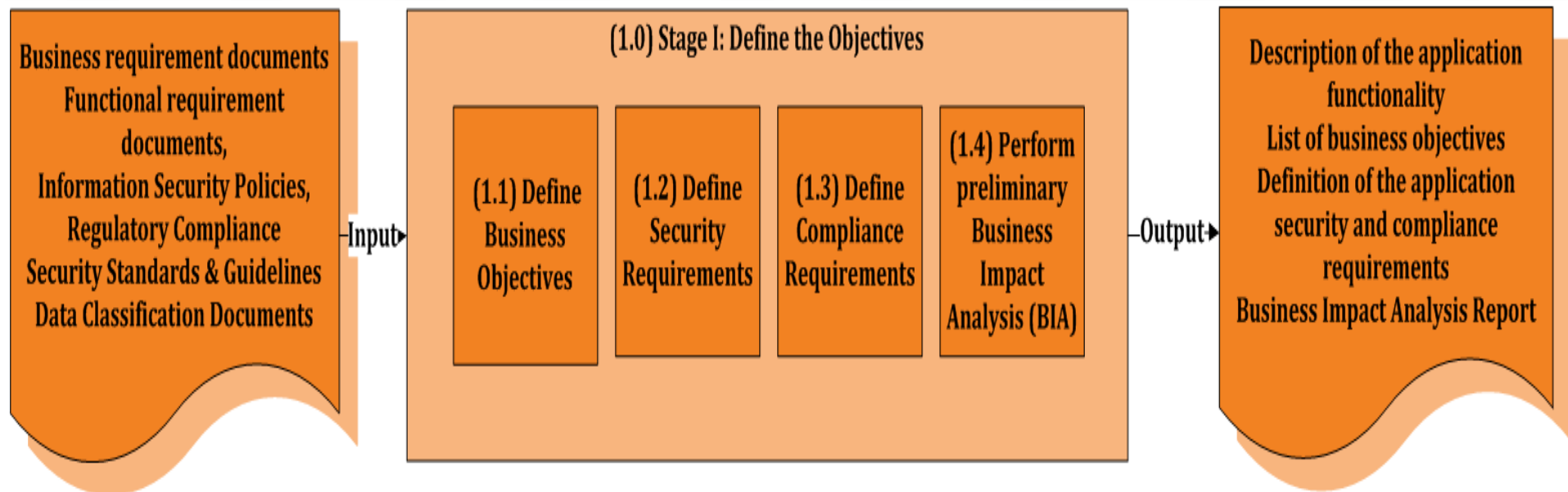**Source**: *Risk Centric Threat Modeling, UcedaVelez, Morana 2015,*
Chapter V, Threat Modeling & Risk Management ,Wiley

PASTA METHODOLOGY

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Stage 1 – Understand Biz Objectives behind Security, Compliance

Baking in GRC

- Serve as inherent countermeasures in the form of people, process, technology
  - Policies (for people)
  - Standards (for technology)
- Prior risk assessments help build app risk profile
  - Historical RAs provide prior risk profile of app
- Regulatory landscape taken into consideration, but not the driver
  - Key here is to not retrofit compliance; more costly
- Web Related Example:
  - Tech: Using Nessus OWASP template to audit for PHP & ColdFusion hardening guidelines
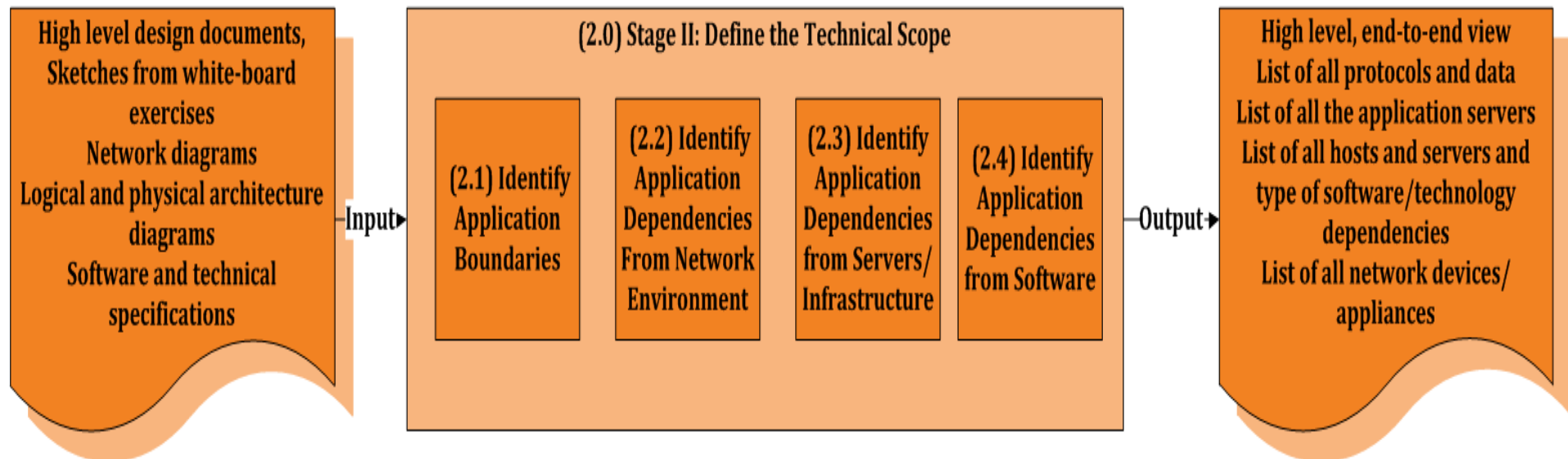 - OWASP Input Validation Cheat Sheets
  - CIS Web Technology Benchmarks

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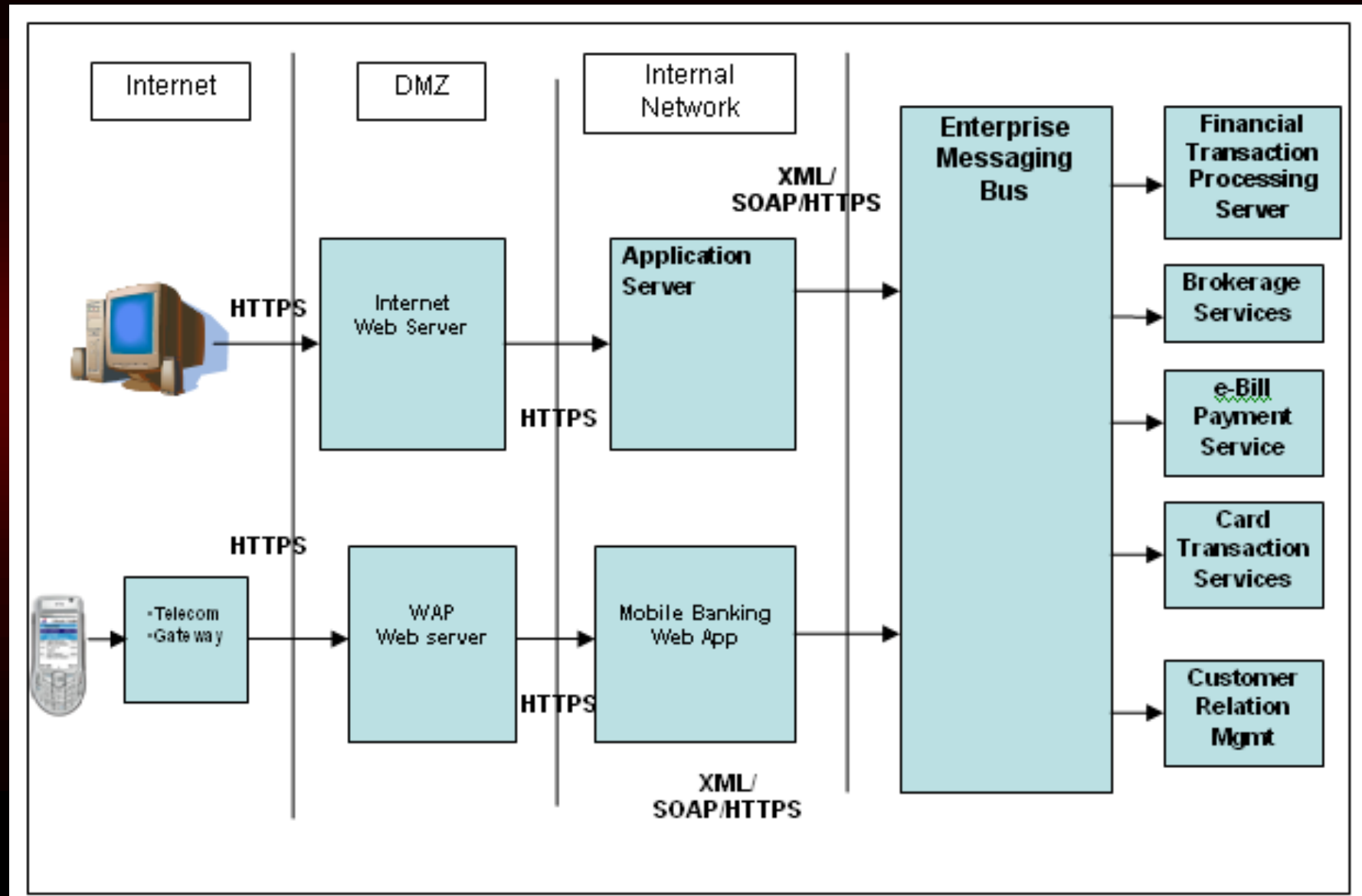
Threat Modeling Stage 1 Artifact

Application Profile: Online Banking Application	
General Description	The online banking application allows customers to perform banking activities such as financial transactions over the internet. The type of transactions supported by the application includes bill payments, wires, funds transfers between customer's own accounts and other bank institutions, account balance-inquires, transaction inquires, bank statements, new bank accounts loan and credit card applications. New online customers can register an online account using existing debit card, PIN and account information. Customers authenticate to the application using username and password and different types of Multi Factor Authentication (MFA) and Risk Based Authentication (RBA)
Application Type	Internet Facing
Data Classification	Public, Non Confidential, Sensitive and Confidential PII
Inherent Risk	HIGH (Infrastructure , Limited Trust Boundary, Platform Risks, Accessability)
High Risk Transactions	YES
User roles	Visitor, customer, administrator, customer support representative
Number of users	3 million registered customers

Stage 2 Walkthru – Define Tech Scope

The Application Architecture Scope
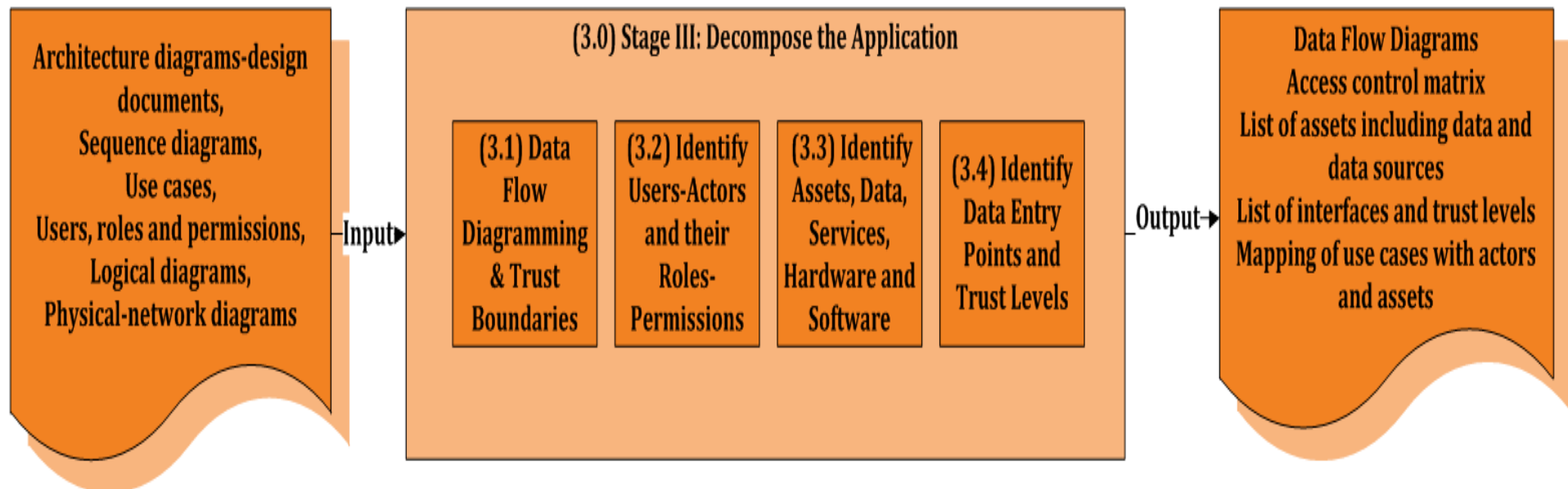
Technical Scope Definition

Define the scope from design artifacts:

- **Application components** with respect to the application tiers (presentation, application, data)

- **Network topology**

- **Protocol/services** being used/exposed from/to the user to/from the back end (e.g. data flow diagrams)

- **Use case scenarios** (e.g. sequence diagrams)

Model the application in support of security architecture risk analysis

- **The application assets** (e.g. data/services at each tier)

- **The security controls of the application** (e.g. authentication, authorization, encryption, session management, input validation, auditing and logging)

- **Data interactions** between the user of the application and between servers for the main use case scenarios (e.g. login, registration, query etc)

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Stage 3– App Decomposition

Data Flow Diagramming (DFD)

On-line Banking Application Example

Use Case to Countermeasure Tracking

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Online Banking Application Transaction Analysis			Data Input Validation (Initiation)	Authentication/ Identification	Authorization	Session Management	Cryptography (data in rest and transit)	Error Handling	Logging/Audting /Monitoring
Transaction	**Risk**	**Data Classification**	Security Functions Invoked						
Password Reset	HIGH	Sensitive	Debit Card, PIN,Account#	Challenge/ Questions Risk Interdicted	Pre- Auth/Bank Customer	Pre-auth SessionID/ Cookie	HTTPS	Custom Errors & Messages	Application, Fraud Detection
Username Recovery	HIGH	Sensitive	Debit Card, PIN,Account#	Challenge/ Questions Risk Interdicted	Pre- Auth/Bank Customes	Pre-auth SessionID/ Cookie	HTTPS	Custom Errors & Messages	Application, Fraud Detection
Registration	MEDIUM	Confidential PII & Sensitive	Debit Card, PIN,Account#, PII (e.g. SSN), Demographics	OOB/ Confirmation	Visitor	Pre-auth SessionID/ Cookie	HTTPS	Custom Errors & Messages	Application
Logon	HIGH	Confidential PII & Sensitive	Username /Password	Single Auth + Challenge/ Questions Risk Interdicted	Post- Auth/Bank Customer	Post-auth SessionID Mgmt	HTTPS/ 3DES Token	Custom Errors & Messages	Application, Fraud Detection
Wires	HIGH	Confidential PII & Sensitive	Amount,Accou nt#, IBAN/BIC	Single Auth + C/Q Risk Interdicted + OTP	Post- Auth/Bank Customer	Post-auth SessionID Mgmt	HTTPS	Custom Errors & Messages	Application, Fraud Detection
Bill Pay	HIGH	Confidential PII & Sensitive	Amount, Payee Account#	Single Auth + C/Q Risk Interdicted + OTP	Post- Auth/Bank Customer	Post-auth SessionID Mgmt	HTTPS	Custom Errors & Messages	Application, Fraud Detection

Stage 4 Threat Intelligence/ Analysis

Threat agents and motives,
Security incidents (SIRT) report
Fraud detection report,
Secure incident event monitoring
(SIEM) reports,
Application and server logs,
Threat intelligence reports

—Input→

(4.0) Stage IV: Analyze the Threats

(4.1) Analyze Probabilistic Attack Scenarios

(4.2) Analyze Incidents and Fraud-Case Management Reports

(4.3) Analyze Application Logs And Security Events

(4.4) Correlate Incidents and Fraud with Threat Intelligence

—Output→

Attack scenario-landscape report
List of threat agents and attacks
Report on incidents-events
relevant to the likelihood of threats
and attack scenarios
Correlation to threat intelligence
reports for attack scenarios

Threat Intelligence is Golden

- **Threat Enumeration Based upon Good Intel**
  - Threats based upon known intel
  - Prior assessment info (where applicable & useful)
  - Other application assessments from 3rd parties
  - SIEM feeds/ Syslog data/ Application Logs/ WAF logs
    - Denote attacks but will reveal overarching threats
  - Threat Intel/ Feeds
  - Security Operations/ Incident Reports
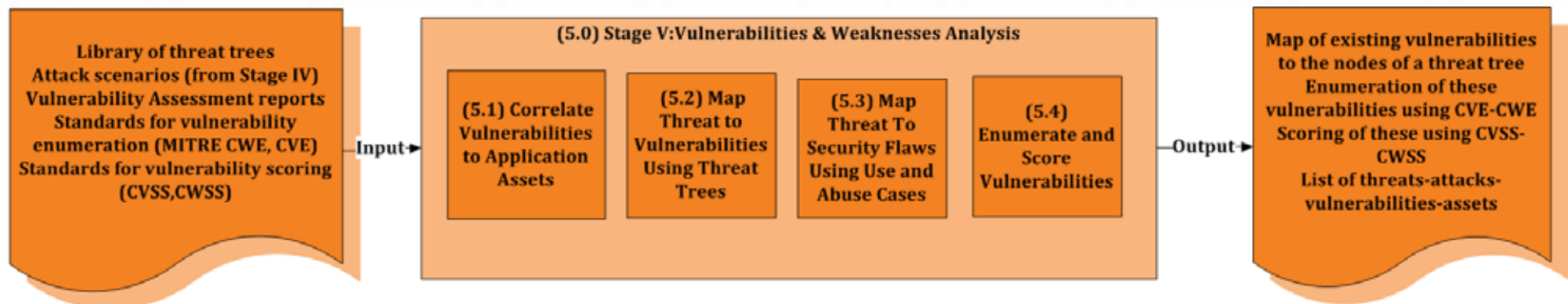   - Personnel/ Infrastructure
- **Threat examples:**
  - IP Theft
  - Data Theft
  - Sabotage
  - Infrastructure compromise
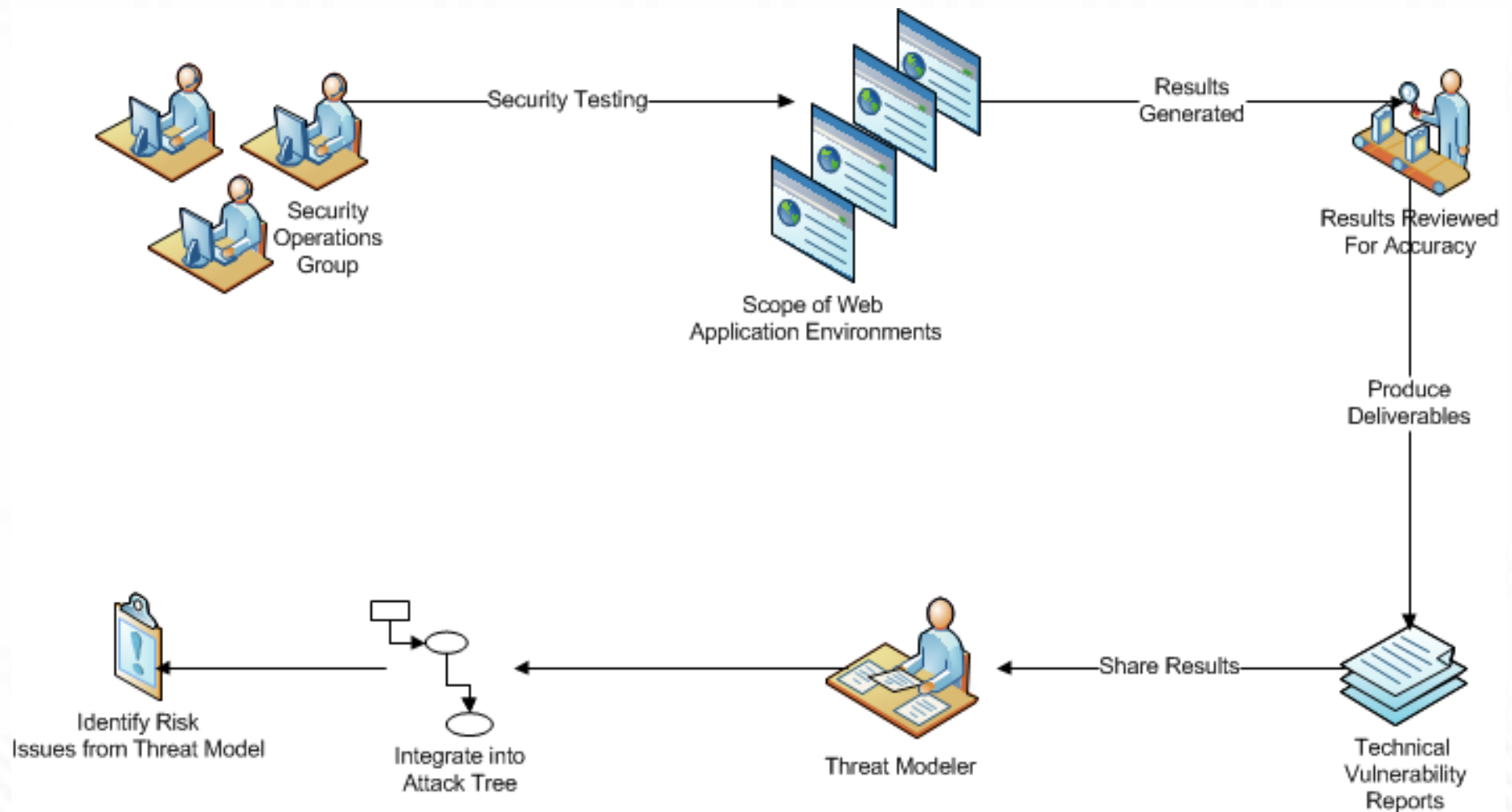 - Ransom

Threat Analysis Prefaces Attack Enumeration

- Threat analysis will lead to attack enumeration
  - PII theft
    - XSS
    - SQL Injection
    - MITM
  - Sabotage driven threats
    - CMS exploits to web application (Zope, Joomla, Mambo, etc)
    - FTP Brute Force attacks
    - iFrame Injection attacks
  - Malware upload
- Identify most likely attack vectors
  - Address entire application footprint (email, client app, etc)
  - Web Forms/ Fields
  - WSDLs/ SWF Objects
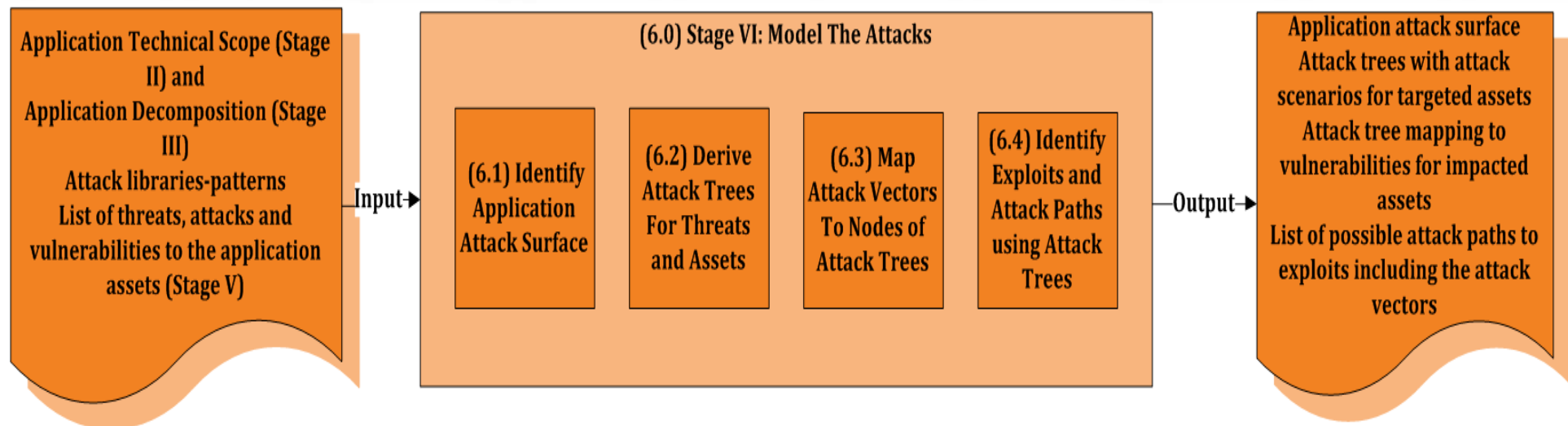 - Compiled Libraries/ Named Pipes

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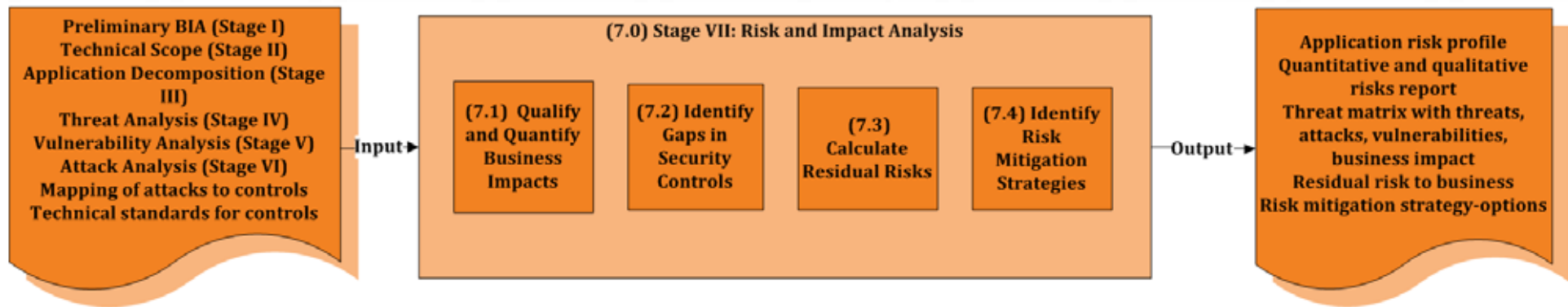Navigate Beyond Risk

Stage 5 Walkthru – Vuln Analysis
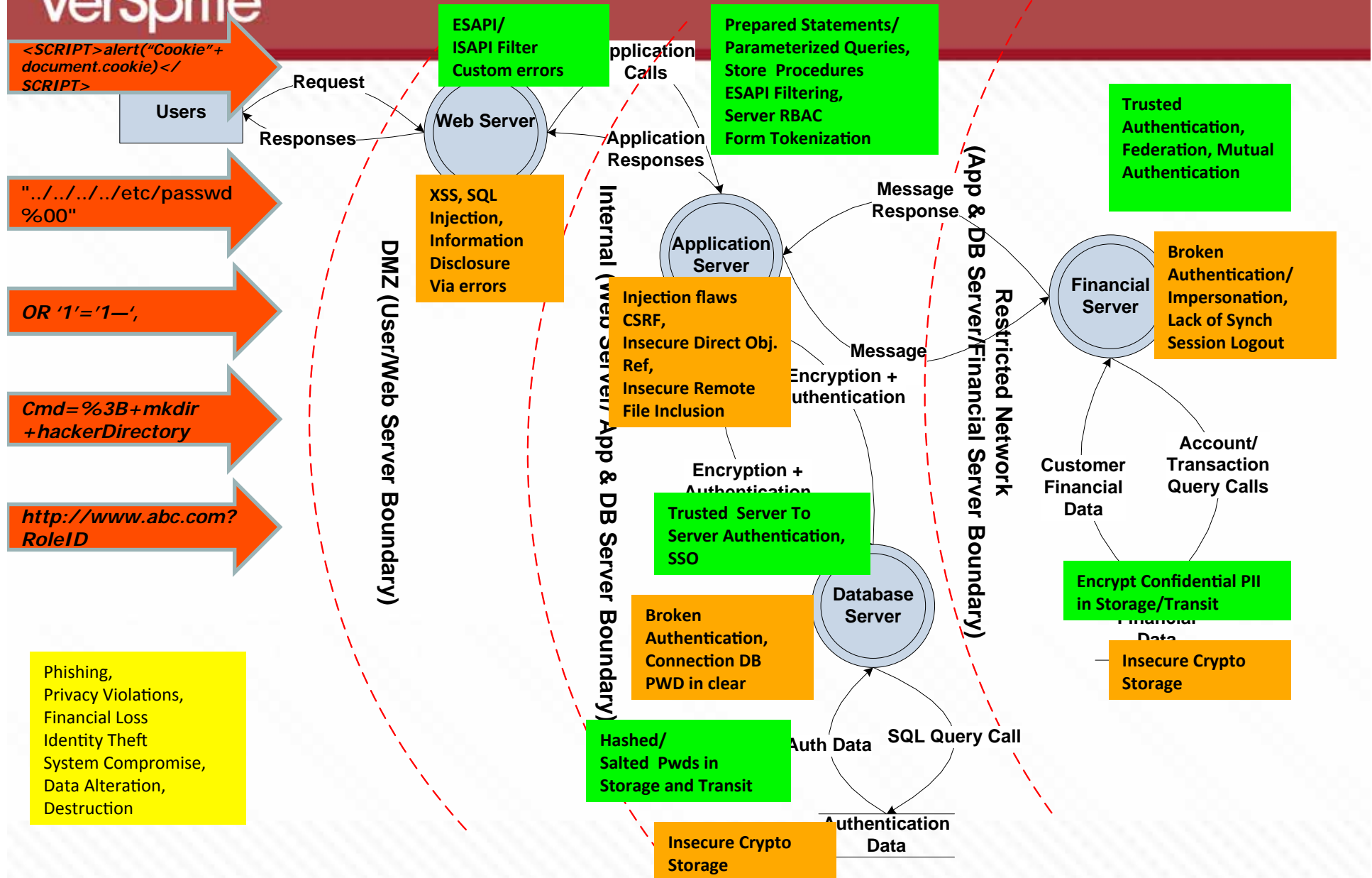
SecOps Convergence of Vulnerability Mgt.

Stage 6 Walkthru – Attack Enumeration

Stage 7– Residual Risk Analysis

The PASTA™ Risk Recipe

- Focus on **the application as** business-asset target
- Risk !=t * v * i
- Risk! = t * v * i * p

- Attack simulation enhances (*p*) probability coefficients
- Considers both inherent countermeasures & those to be developed
- Focused on minimizing risks to applications and associated impacts to business

- $R_{risk} = [(t_p * v_p)/c] * i$

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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